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MEC MASHILO POISED TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY

Newly appointed Human Settlements in Mpumalanga MEC, Mr Speedy Mashilo wants to improve service delivery to communities. He met with Departmental senior managers last Friday to map out a new way in order to expedite service delivery. During his address, MEC Mashilo emphasized that the Department must promote for an equitable spread opportunities to all contractors to avoid shoddy workmanship from incapable contractors.

Mashilo addressed the managers in a meeting arranged to welcome him to the Department following a recent cabinet reshuffle. "I need to know all those contractors who do not have capacity to deliver. We do not develop contractors, we deliver houses and infrastructure to our people," charged Mashilo. He further explained that officials should not confuse what human settlements is but remember that it entails the building of adequate houses and creating habitable infrastructure for the people of the province. "Contractors do not deliver houses, but we do. Their interest is in making profit," he charged.

The MEC warned sternly against the illegal allocation of government low cost houses to people who do not deserve them and maintained that this should be checked thoroughly to bring an end to it. He said, "Houses have been built but given to wrong beneficiaries. Such negligence cannot be tolerated." In his conclusion, Mashilo mentioned that human settlements is key in service delivery and while he was still at the local government level he was at the receiving end of these houses. "Today i am entrusted with the responsibility to deliver these houses to local municipalities. Therefore, we need to keep close working relations with local municipalities."

MEC Mashilo brings an impeccable record in local government as he was an Executive Mayor for the financially sound Nkangala District Municipality in the last few years. After relinquishing his position as a Mayor he was sworn in at the legislature where he served in various committees. He replaces former MEC Ms Violet Siwela who has since been redeployed to the Deputy Speaker in the Provincial Legislature. Siwela held the human settlements portfolio for two years and before that she was in Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs.

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